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Mr. Charles A. Bowsher
Comptroller General of the
United States
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Dear Mr. Bowsher:

In January of this year, the Subcommittee on International Security and Scientific Affairs asked your staff for assistance in preparing for hearings this Spring on the fiscal year 1984-1985 authorization request for the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA). After reviewing the information furnished by your staff, we asked the General Accounting Office to testify on the first day of the hearings. Mr. Frank Conahan testified before the subcommittee on March 24, and presented a number of pertinent issues bearing on ACDA's ability to effectively carry out its responsibilities as mandated by law.

We would like your staff to continue its work and complete the development of the issues presented by Mr. Conahan regarding ACDA, such as:

- adequacy of its internal controls;
- management of its arms control research programs; ✓
and
- development and operation of computer-based support for its programs and activities.

We would appreciate the final report on these, as well as other matters which may arise, be available to the subcommittee by no later than this September. We recognize, however, that ACDA should take corrective actions as soon as possible.

Mr. Charles Bowshe

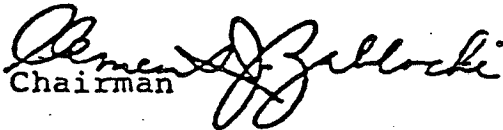
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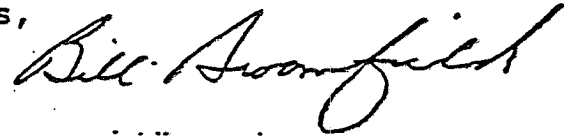
Therefore, interim reports by your staff should continue to be submitted to the subcommittee on these issues as they are developed.

This request should be coordinated with Mr. Ivo Spalatin, Staff Director of the subcommittee.

Thanking you for your attention to this request, we are

Sincerely yours,


Chairman


Ranking Minority Member

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